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Election nears; hopefuls debate

Candidates for mayor, district attorney, sheriff, Superior Court, City Council pitch platforms

By Jeremiah Oshan
Staff Writer

San Jose voters hoping to learn more about candidates had a chance to do so on Saturday afternoon.

During a forum held in the Engineering Building at San Jose State University, candidates for mayor, district attorney and sheriff fielded questions from an estimated crowd of 150. Attendees also had a chance to ask candidates for Superior Court judge and City Council similar questions.

"We wanted to bring all the candidates together so that their constituency can make an informed decision," said Marion Whittaker of the Santa Clara County African-American Democratic Club, who along with SJSU's Delta Sigma Theta helped organize the event. "Our hope is if people become participants then they will become interested."

First to the stage were mayoral candidates Ron Gonzales, Patricia Dando and Kathy Chavez Napoli. All three were allowed a two-minute opening speech, during which all talked about their past and qualifications.

Gonzales cited his experience as a Santa Clara County supervisor and time as a manager at Hewlett-Packard Co. as his main qualifications for mayor. His goals included getting traffic under control and improving schools — common concerns among all three candidates.

Napoli looked to her experience in business and commitment to the city she has lived in her whole life as reasons she should be elected. She devoted most of her allotted time to talk about traffic.

Dando asked voters to look past endorsements and to look at the candidates' backgrounds. Hers included sitting on the San Jose City Council and working with former Mayor Tom McEnery during his term.

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GE courses unite into 9-unit class

By Susan Shaw
Staff Writer

Curriculum that's user-friendly — that's what school officials are calling a new one-semester solution to fulfill advanced general education requirements.

The first ever, integrated GE course package will be available to students in the fall. The course package will have room for 30 students who have not completed the four advanced GE categories, according to the program's co-founder Bob Gliner, chair of the Sociology department.

The package will integrate Biology 110, Political Science 120, Engineering 157 and the 100W writing requirement into a single nine-unit course.

The package will cost the same as taking nine units of classes at SJSU — \$1,008.50 for the fall 1998 semester. The courses will also continue to be offered independently.

Gliner said the biology, engineering and political science courses were selected because there was a logical way to integrate the courses, and there was a tight deadline to get the package approved for the fall 1998 semester.

Rather than four disjointed courses, the four

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Chris Prevoloski Special to the Spartan Daily

Eddie King steps off stage to finish his set with, "I Ain't Drunk I'm Just Drinkin'." King, backed by the Swampbees, played at the 18th Annual Metro Fountain Blues Festival on campus Saturday. Headliner R.L. Burnside and bluesman Tommy Castro also performed at the festival.



Daniel Frohlich/Spartan Daily

Blues guitar player Deborah Coleman plays for an estimated 2,000 fans at the Metro Fountain Blues Festival on Tower Lawn at San Jose State University Saturday.

Blues Festival hits high note

Musicians tune up, rock out, jam on

By Ed Oberweiser
Senior Staff Writer

Saturday's 18th Annual Metro Fountain Blues Festival at San Jose State University was a showcase for blues guitarists.

The festival's performers included R.L. Burnside, Deborah Coleman, Eddie King and the Swamp Bees, the Tommy Castro Band, Barry Levenson with Sherry Pruitt and Edward Earl Thomas and the Ray Bailey Band.

"I felt the festival was successful because we had a lot of musicians who aren't well known and still had a good turnout," said Ted Gehrke, festival director. He estimated the crowd at 2,000.

Norman Shafkey, a former mayor of Mountain View, was enjoying himself.

"This is one of the best blues festivals around. There are people you've never heard of that are great," Shafkey said. "I've been here seven or eight times. The talent they bring here is incredible."

People need music, it's an important part of life."

Shafkey said his favorite was Eddie King but added he also liked Deborah Coleman.

Ray Bailey, whose band backed up Coleman during her performance after playing their own set, was also impressed with Coleman's guitar playing.

"It was fun (performing with her). It was the first time playing with her. I listened to her CD on the way up here, but it doesn't do her justice," Bailey said.

Coleman said she had one rehearsal with the Ray Bailey Band before the performance on stage.

"It was great! We had about 20 minutes' rehearsal and then we did what we had to do," Coleman said.

Barry Levenson, whose band played just before Coleman's set, brought local musician Edward Earl Thomas on stage. Thomas is from Hayward and said he plays frequently at J.J.'s in San Jose.

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SJSU athletes post 44 percent graduation record

By John Meyer
Senior Staff Writer

On the field, wins and losses determine the success of student athletes.

In the classroom, it's the graduation rates.

The 1998 National Collegiate Athletic Association graduation rate for San Jose State University's student-athlete freshman class of 1991-1992 is 44 percent, a slight decrease from 1997's report of 46 percent in the 1990-1991 freshman class, according to Charles Whitcomb, SJSU's faculty athletic representative.

The rate is based on the ability of freshman, who receive athletic aid such as scholarships, grants and tuition waivers, to graduate in fewer than six years.

For example, if 100 student athletes entered school and 50 of them graduated in fewer than six

years, the graduation rate would be 50 percent.

Each Division I school is required to submit an annual graduation rate report to the NCAA. The NCAA has been publicly disclosing student-athlete graduation rates since 1991, dating back to the 1984-1985 freshman class.

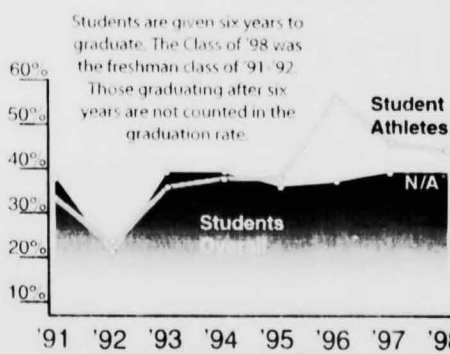
The purpose of the reports is to inform the public, especially prospective student athletes, of the school's ability to graduate athletes, according to the NCAA Division I Graduation Rates Report.

However, the latest report shows the rates are steady in the mid-40 percent range after a high of 56 percent in 1996. The rates have increased from the first five reports (1991-1995) where they were in the 30s, even hitting a low of 23 percent in 1992.

"We have improved each year that I have been in office," said Whitcomb, who said he has been working to make sure the SJSU athletic programs are within the NCAA guidelines since 1983. "I think

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SJSU Graduation Rates 1991-1998



J. Sterling Gansalus

Watch out guys: women may get their own Viagra



Carol Dillon
STAFF WRITER

Bob Dole loves it and wishes he bought stock in it; pharmacies can't keep up with the demand and it's soon going to be in wafer form just to make it work a little faster. I'm talking about the male wonder drug, Viagra.

Since the media is heralding Viagra as equivalent to the second coming, (or maybe the first) let's imagine what it would be like if this pill were invented for women.

In other words, is turnabout fair play? Is society ready for swarms of sex-crazed, geriatric she-devils? Judging from the uproar heard recently over women past the "acceptable age" giving birth, one doubts if this youth-obsessed society will ever be ready to accept sexually active older women. As much as men claim they want sexually aggressive women, one might caution them to "be careful what you wish for..."

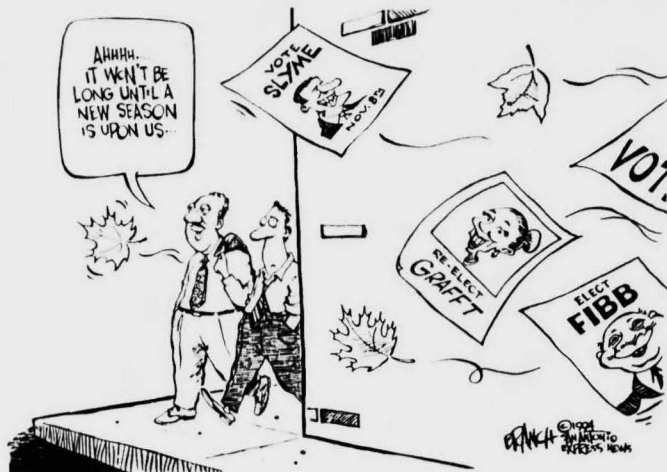
The drug company Pfizer, Inc. spent four-to-five years testing about 45,000 men to make sure the pill was safe and effective in treating impotence. This week, The American Foundation For Urologic Diseases was given a grant to study the effect of the drug on women. It is the first grant allotted to find a drug to aid women in orgasmic dysfunction.

So that means it wasn't until men got their drug that some brainiac thought gee, maybe we need some females to match the lusty libidos of the virile-Viagra males. It seems like Pfizer had covered all the bases except that one, but then, no pharmaceutical giant is perfect. Another bone of contention among women is this: men get a pill to enhance sexual performance and orgasm, women get a nice pedestrian pill to prevent conception. Tit for tat? I think not.

Pfizer estimates there are more than 140 million men coping with impotence. While Viagra may help the physical symptoms (or lack thereof), it does nothing to address the lack of intimacy or love that may be the root cause of the problem. According to Bernie Zeibergeld, author of the book "The New Male Sexuality," the magic pill cannot increase lovemaking skills or make the man who is unable to discuss his sexuality (or lack thereof) be more candid. Some disagree with Zeibergeld, including Dr. Steve Lamm, author of "The Virility Solution." Lamm contends that Viagra will do for male impotence what Prozac did for depression — break the taboo about discussing an embarrassing problem. Well, if it worked for Mycex 7, who's to say?

Some folks predict women will be threatened by this drug asking, "is it me or Viagra, who's got him hot and bothered?" The capacity for wounded feelings seems an equal opportunity one when a gal can consider giving it as a gift to her man who never thought he needed it to begin with. While I'm exploring the downside let's all not forget one small detail. Not long ago there was another drug that was proclaimed with much fanfare to be the greatest invention since sliced bread. It wasn't until some women started dropping like flies that enthusiasm waned and the product was recalled. Hey, Pfizer, remember Phen-fen?

Carol Dillon is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



He said, she said: ancients could speak

They can't absolutely prove it, but our ever backward-looking anthropologists are speculating that humans had the capacity for speech as much as 400,000 years ago. That's an awful lot of oral history.

According to scientists in the know, strong evidence exists in the skull structures of the ancient Homo erectus line to suggest that those hunting and pecking folks were capable of making sounds.

Apparently their brains were about 80 percent the size of ours, and the diameter of the hole at the bottom of their skulls — called the hypoglossal canal — falls within the range of modern humans.

The size of the hole indicates to scientists that ancient humans could have had the requisite number of nerves running through that hole from the brain to the tongue to produce speech.

Just what kinds of sounds ancient men and women made is subject to anybody's guess.

Well, of course, I've got a few guesses of my own. Let's give our cave man and woman names, just for clarity's sake. OK, we'll call him "John" and her "Margaret." (Editor's note: Any resemblance to living or dead people is strictly coincidental.)

John and Margaret must have had very limited vocabularies to begin with.

What's my proof? I have none of course, it's merely speculation, like that of the anthro guys. But I've spent a lot of time around babies — the least developed members of our species — and their first sounds are made with open mouths, strictly in the vowel category at varying degrees of intensity and volume.

So it seems logical to me that vowels are what John and Margaret must have started out with.

For instance, "Aaaaah" is a pretty easy sound to make. "Aaaaah" probably translates into something like, "Thanks, Margaret, that itch was killing me."

Then there's "Eeee." Imagine Margaret underneath the mammoth skin blanket: "John, you've got to be kidding."

"I." Translation: "I." (Nothing much has changed.)

Or how about "Ooooh?" See John standing next to



Lois Jenkins
OH, REALLY?

the smoking pit with the cat in his arms: "Sorry, Maggie dear, thought you meant put out the fire."

And let's not forget "Uuuu." Of course that's what John would say after he stepped in woolly mammoth droppings in his bare feet.

OK, so John and Margaret mastered the vowel sounds first, adding a few combinations for emphasis. But what came next?

Babies usually vocalize "m" and "b" and "d" next, so why not our cave couple?

A nice, loud "Mmmm" from John probably meant something like: "That was one helluva barbecued mammoth, Margaret."

To which a beaming Margaret probably answered: "Baaaah," or in other words, "That was nothing, big guy, just wait till you taste my flaming tortoise."

Of course, they must have developed an expletive or two to handle the stresses of everyday cave life. Imagine John waking up to find that the herds had moved on in the night and he missed the whole thing.

"Dooo!" Translation: "Shit." You get the idea.

But what did they do on long summer nights when the sun took forever to set and the dishes were all done? Besides the obvious, I mean.

I wonder if they lounged at the edge of the cave, smoking grass or sipping fermented juice cocktails, gossiping about the next-door neighbors — once their language capabilities had progressed to that point.

We'll never know, but I bet they asked each other the same old questions:

John: "What do you mean he's good looking?"

Margaret: "Why can't you be more romantic first?"

John: "Does your mother have to stay with us?"

Margaret: "Why can't we get a saber-toothed tiger rug for the den?"

And so we leave our ancestors struggling with many of the same dilemmas we grapple with today. We just have more swear words.

Lois Jenkins is the Spartan Daily opinion editor.

Red-light runners now face 'capture' with new cameras

Sometimes there's just not enough time in the day and it seems like everything's just go go go.

It can be especially stressful when running late, but it seems as though some people are ready to risk their lives and the lives of others to get to their destinations quicker.

More and more we are seeing red-light runners and they're hard to miss. I don't mind people being careless with their own lives, but when their actions can hurt someone else, they've crossed the line.

In San Francisco drivers are faced with a red-light camera program set up to catch the red-light runners, and results show that in the five intersections tested, red-light runners have dropped 42 percent in the first six months.

The city is now ready to set up more cameras along with 100 empty camera boxes at busy intersections. It's great that San Francisco is resorting to a little bit of trickery so it can protect innocent people.

Now, I'll admit that I may have taken a yellow light once or twice, only because I was late for an important San Jose State University course, but I certainly don't do it anymore.

After seeing a crazy red-light runner and imagining what could've occurred if my sister hadn't hesitated before moving out into the intersection with me alongside her, I quickly changed my bad habits.

Cameras at intersections are the best thing to come along in a while and I can't wait until more cities adopt this type of program.

According to Abbie Yant, director of San Francisco Health Department's Stop Red Light Running public awareness campaign, they're trying to promote awareness of this threat to public health and safety. She said it's as serious as drunk driving.

In an article published by the California State Automobile Association, red-light running causes the most serious urban crashes because they often involve high speeds.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, more than a million motor vehicle collisions occur at traffic signals nationwide every year. The Institute noted that running red lights and other traffic control devices, such as stop and yield signs, are the most frequent causes of urban crashes and result in a half million injuries and thousands of fatalities annually.

That's a half million people who don't deserve to be injured or to die. It's bad enough that we have drunk, reckless, and incompetent drivers, not to mention the less-than-attentive cell phone drivers. We don't need evil red-light runners.

I think this problem would be a lot easier to deal with if people would just think of one thing when they're faced with the question of running a red light — is the threat of death to you or another worth the two minutes you'll save? The answer is no.

Yvette Anna Trejo is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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Letter writers need to 'lighten up' in response to column

I am writing to you in response to two letters to the editor which appeared in the Spartan Daily on May 4, written by Hang Bui and Robert Hernandez, both involved with the Prevention Education Program (PEP) Center.

Their letters were in reaction to an article which appeared in the Daily titled "Hussey highlights: beer drinkers' havens," in which Andrew Hussey listed some summertime activities which might be enhanced by drinking a few beers.

I found their astonishment to Hussey's article to be absolutely ridiculous.

To think that Hussey would "actu-

ally recommend 'polishing off beer' and playing Frisbee golf on campuses," oh my goodness, what will be next ...

double dipping ... jaywalking ... removing the tags from your mattress? God forbid college students would drink beer.

According to Bui, it was an atrocity for Hussey to suggest drinking beer while "engaging in a dangerous activity like camping."

Reality check! Since when is camping dangerous? Talk about the "epitome of stupidity," as Bui put it. Living in the vicinity of San Jose

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

State University is more dangerous than any campground no matter how much you've had to drink.

Oh, and my thanks to both Bui and Hernandez for their "parental" lectures on the legal limit, punishment for DUI, open container citations and all those grisly statistics covering alcohol-related driving deaths, even though Hussey never suggested drinking and driving.

I must have forgotten that stuff from the last time I had traffic school.

Thanks a lot, I didn't know my

parents came to college with me.

Please. Take all the statistics you got from the CHP pamphlet and save them for your next PEP Center newsletter.

I am certainly glad that the people who run the PEP Center don't edit our school newspaper.

But then again, if they did, maybe they would have less time to punish and humiliate every unfortunate young student who gets busted in the dorms with a beer.

Lighten up, this is college.

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Response to letter reveals writer's bigotry

In a letter to the editor in the April 28 Spartan Daily, Wiggys Sivertsen lamented the ignorance and bigotry exhibited by Daniel Hayes in his earlier letter "explaining" the discrimination against homosexuals by the Boy Scouts of America, but ended on the hopeful note that Hayes might become educated about these issues before he graduates. But the stunning display of ignorance and bigotry by Dave Stornetta in the May 4 Daily suggests that in general such hopes are misplaced. (Of course Sivertsen knows this all to well; her ending was a rhetorical form of politeness.)

Regarding Stornetta's phobia concerning communism: "Sivertsen wants a communist society..." Was it communism when Truman integrated the military or when the Supreme Court integrated America's public schools? "If (families) can't be given the freedom to make the rules for organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc., we should prepare a fond farewell democracy..." You don't

live in a democracy, Stornetta, you live in an oligarchy.

Regarding his homophobia: "Why do they want to impose their views on families now?" They don't. They merely want to participate in an activity that has become a national institution. "These poor people (heterosexual Scouting parents) just want their sons to learn how to build a warm fire and tie a knot, not explore same sex relationships and homosexual politics."

Exactly the same is true of potential homosexual participants in Scouting. "What people do in their bedrooms is their business and nobody else's — until they try to force their behavior on others." Stornetta, can you truly not see how you contradict yourself? Imagine that you are a policy maker in Scouting and listen carefully. Keep your damned nose out of other people's bedrooms. "What's next? The Slave and Domination Organization? The Bestiality Association?" Good God, where does such hateful ignorance come from?

Regarding his "support (for) the Boy Scouts' parents, who have the right to decide with whom their children associate." I will thank you although I am not a Boy Scout parent, I'm a Girl Scout parent (my son is only four). There are numerous openly homosexual community leaders with whom I would be very pleased to have my children associate, both Wiggys Sivertsen and Ken Yeager among them. Though it may be unprofessional for a professor to say so to a student, I can't help myself.

You, Stornetta, are another case all together. I will do everything I can to protect my children from your self-righteous hatred of all who are not exactly like you, which you no doubt call moral uprightness.

You are the one who is deserving of social isolation and ostracism. I'm serious. Keep your ignorance and bigotry the hell away from my children.

Prof. Brian Peterson
math/computer science

Abrams needs treatment, not prison time

In response to the editorial that appeared on May 5, "Judge makes right decision in ex-SJSU employee's case."

I think this editorial failed to realize that Eric Abrams has a disease. Instead of putting Abrams behind bars for a long time, he needs to undergo psychiatric treatment and counseling. If he were put behind bars, he would just be another statistic in the growing number of

people being bred to be criminals. Abrams needs help, and putting him behind bars for a long time is not the answer. I am not a psychiatrist, but Abrams has a disease that needs to be treated. When you have a disease, it's hard to know right from wrong. I am not making excuses for Abrams. I am just saying he needs help. If he gets put away for a long period of time, he could be further psy-

chologically damaged and that could be another waste of a life that could have been helped. This person has a problem and it needs to be resolved instead of ignored and stored away in a jail cell. Prisons should be reserved for the truly special: killers and rapists.

Otto Go
sociology

Immigrants seek 'good life' just like us

Unless Dr. L. Valdés ("Immigrants not to blame for environment," May 4) is willing to doom immigrants to a permanent poverty status, her argument that immigrants don't cause environmental problems won't work.

I agree that it is the American culture of bigger, better and faster that mainly causing environmental problems, but most of the immigrants I know have hopes of joining that culture.

I believe we need two things

— a population policy that leads to a lower growth rate than we now have and a cultural change that de-emphasizes material greed.

Prof. Roy Christman
political science

'Rock of ages' moves reader to respond

Hooray to the Spartan Daily for recognizing the importance of music and devoting five days to "Rock of Ages." I am pleased to see music being addressed and given credit. Music has made some of our most historical events come alive.

When I think about the late '60s and early '70s, I automatically think about the war vs. peace era. I think about the long-haired, dope-smoking, relaxed hippies listening to the

poetic lyrics by The Doors (one of my favorite groups). The music and "love everyone" mentality added feeling to the protests of Vietnam. How could you remember that era without thinking about the music involved?

Yeah, every decade music changes, but there's one thing that stays the same: People get into their music. There's something that comes alive inside your soul. You can't deny it. When a song comes on that you

like, I guarantee you'll be tapping a foot or humming along. Music is good for the soul. Music is something people can usually relate to and it makes them feel good.

Thanks again to the Spartan Daily for relating music with history; they compliment each other and are both important.

Brenda Krup
sociology

Hooray for student moms

I was glad to see the article "Mothers Making a Difference" in Wednesday's Spartan Daily. It was very uplifting to know that two San Jose State University students are benefiting from welfare while they are working toward their degrees.

So often welfare is attacked for not producing self-sufficient individuals, and this article gave welfare a different light.

The two individuals, Beverley White and Grace Forsyth, are among the many single welfare mothers who are choosing not to stay home "eating Bonbons," and it would not have been known without this article.

It was evident that for these two college students the pro-

gram Temporary Assistance to Needy Families is essential to their educational attainment. Many single mothers would never be able to attend college without the assistance from TANF.

"White and Forsyth agree that neither of them would be able to attend college without welfare, but maintain they are following the program's intended design," which shows how important it is to read of such individuals. All the attention is usually given to those individuals who abuse the welfare system.

Claudia Cid
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Important issue raised in misleading column

In response to the May 7 column "Fireworks under fire," Israel's story has cloudy past" by Jon Perez Hillel, The Jewish Student Union of San Jose State University, would like to clarify misleading and blatantly false statements which he presented in his text.

But, first of all, we would like to commend Perez for bringing this issue to the forefront.

Perez states, "I wondered about the Palestinians that had their country of Palestine taken from them because American and European powers felt guilty

about the Jewish Holocaust."

First of all, Palestine was not under the sovereign control of the indigenous Palestinian Arabs, but was under British Mandate. The United Nations recognized Israel's sovereignty and independence from Great Britain on May 14th, 1948.

Within a mere 24 hours of its existence, the historic home of the Jewish people, was attacked by the Egyptian, Syrian, Jordanian, Lebanese and Iraqi armies. Many were killed in valiant defense in Israel's War of Independence.

Furthermore, we find it disturbing that Perez chose to compare Israeli military practices with Nazism. There is no systematic attempt to murder Palestinians.

Such arguments lower the level of discourse. We invite Perez and anyone else to come to San Jose Hillel at 213 S. 12th St. to discuss the issue, or call us at 408-289-9957 ext. 12.

Brad Selbst
San Jose Hillel

Getting to class is only half the problem

I was pleased to read that San Jose State University is committed to providing access to campus facilities for students who have physical disabilities (May 5) but wish that there was an equal commitment to providing assistance to students with learning disabilities.

For at least the past two academic years, the university has not offered diagnostic testing for learning disabilities. What this means is that, even though a student may have a learning

disability, unless this disability was identified prior to entering SJSU, or unless the student is able to pay up to \$1,000 for private testing, he or she is not eligible for any needed special accommodations and help.

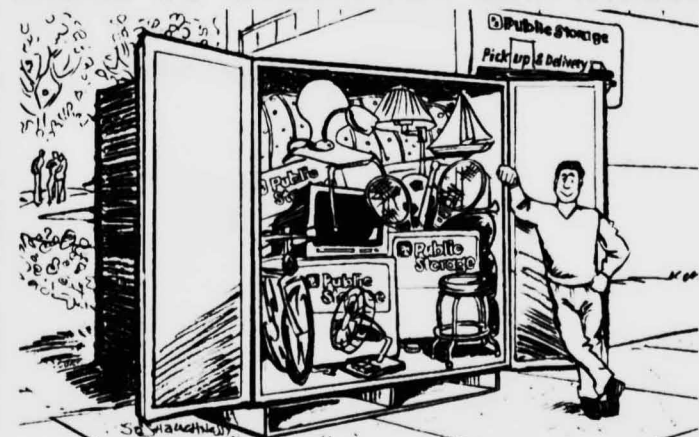
As an instructor, I see several students each semester who exhibit signs of having learning disabilities. I used to be able to refer them to the Disability Resource Center, where they were tested and provided with the accommodations they need-

ed. Now, they are turned away.

If students with physical disabilities are getting the help they need to be able to attend class, why don't students with learning disabilities get the help they need to be able to succeed in class?

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Alumni parlay tournament into egotistical romp

Judo vets still have something to prove against current students

By Susan Shaw
Staff Writer

To put it succinctly: "We're here to kick their asses like we do every year." SJSU Alumni Dave Williams, who is also an assistant coach for the team, said.

And kick ass they did. The Alumni beat the student team with a score of 115-32 in a series of matches that showed that camaraderie is as much a part of judo as staying upright and avoiding the "yuko", a move that involves being thrown onto the mat and held there.

Alumni from Yosh Uchida's judo program at San Jose State University gathered Saturday to participate in what has become an annual tradition: the Alumni Judo Tournament, a chance for them to compete against their younger successors.

And why do these alumni come back year after year? Is it an ego thing ... the chance to get out there and show you can still "yuko" with the best of them?

"Absolutely," answered Mike Swain, a 1985 SJSU graduate, who was the first judo player in the Western Hemisphere to win the World Championship in 1987.

Swain also coached the U.S. Judo team at the 1986 Olympics, and will produce a program on judo that will premiere in August on ESPN.

"It's a kind of family reunion, a chance to see everyone again," Swain added. He put the accent on family by scooping up his young son to keep him from wandering onto the mat.

Swain won his match against Shozo Fukuda, and said he still practices judo, working out once

or twice a week.

However, some alumni admitted they had been out of judo for awhile.

Michael Vincenti, who graduated in 1980, admitted he hadn't fought in two years, even forgetting at one point in his match against Shinske Ondo how to retie the belt on his "Gi", the robe worn in judo, drawing good-natured taunts from the audience.

He nevertheless dominated his younger adversary in the match. At the heart of Saturday's series of matchups was physics — the key to the alumni strategy.

Common sense would dictate that the younger students, who just finished a successful season in which they won the school's 34th National Championship in 37 years, would be in a better position to win.

However, consider the impact that gravity has on the body after age 30 for some people, and then apply the principle that size and strength are definite advantages when trying to stay on your feet and avoid being thrown.

Some of the alumni players were much larger and stronger than the students against which they were competing.

Okay, so it wasn't completely fair, but the tournament is supposed to be fun, according to Jim Pennington, a 1966 graduate, who was not participating in the match, but still follows the team.

Swain pointed out how truly international the team has always been, and there were plenty of examples in the room. On the alumni side was Ilya Ronin from Russia, Marius Popescu from Romania, who is another assistant coach for the current team, and Lalo Cerria from Mexico, another Olympic competitor.

On the student side were new recruit Johann Hult from Sweden, Ryo Kato from Japan and Andrew Payne from Barbados.

There were women competing



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Kenny Hambleton, left, tries to fend off attacks by Assistant Judo Coach Dan Hatano during the Alumni match held on campus Saturday.

Hatano went on to beat Hambleton in the competition that has current judo students fight SJSU alumni.

for both sides as well, including alumna Sandy Bacher who was the 1990 world silver medalist, and students Renee Howard and Cindy Kono.

Then, as now, people come from all over the world to compete for SJSU.

A 1972 graduate, Dave Long came from Washington D.C. to go to SJSU because of the judo program.

"When I was in high school

judo, I kept hearing about SJSU. No other school had won more judo championships," he said. That's still the case, he said, pointing out the school's 34 national championship victories. Long was referee for the tournament.

Student Kato said he came from Japan three years ago specifically to attend SJSU and practice judo here.

If U.S. judo has a royal family,

it was in attendance Saturday. In addition to Swain were Keith Nakasami, captain of the '76 Olympic Team, and Gerardo Padilla, two-time Olympic champion.

The head of the family would be Yosh Uchida.

It was Uchida who brought judo to the U.S. as a competitive sport in 1940 when he founded SJSU's program.

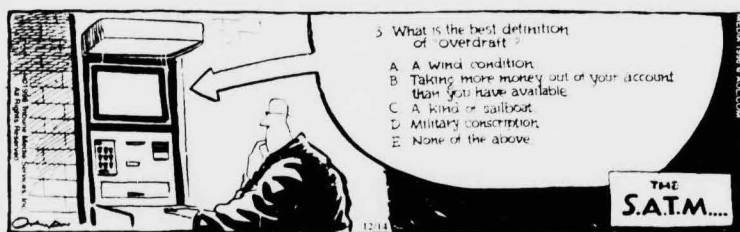
Uchida's program at SJSU

has sent more athletes to the Olympics — 26 athletes, some in coaching roles and some as Olympic medalists — than any club outside of Japan. Uchida himself coached the first U.S. judo team in 1964.

The current team has 12 freshmen, more than at any time in recent memory, according to Williams. This will put them in a position to dominate again, he said.

MIXED MEDIA

by Jack Ohman



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Baseball devotion fruits 12 grand slam seasons for card-collecting Piraro

By Mindy Leigh Griser
Staff Writer

It was probably inevitable that Sam Piraro would go into the baseball business.

The San Jose State University baseball coach started a baseball card collection at the ripe age of five, and he has been immersed in the sport ever since.

"My dad used to call my mom every day from work to see if I had been good, and if I had he would bring me a couple of packs of baseball cards home," Piraro said.

Piraro loved the cards so much, he wouldn't put them on his bicycle spokes like all the other kids in fear of ruining them.

That fear will pay off one day considering that a few years ago Piraro's collection was appraised at over \$20,000.

A native of San Jose, Piraro graduated from San Jose High School in 1970. He then went on to attend SJSU.

He played third base with the Spartans for two years before injuring his shoulder and having to sit out the 1973 season.

Gene Menges, Piraro's coach, saw his love and passion for baseball and asked him if he would like to coach the junior varsity team.

In 1977, Piraro began his coaching career as a graduate assistant and junior varsity coach at SJSU.

In 1980, Piraro became the first baseball coach at Mission College in Santa Clara.

At Mission, coach Piraro won

crowns in 1981 and 1983.

Piraro was enlisted into the California Community College Baseball Hall of Fame in 1996 for his contributions to community college baseball.

Then in 1987, the head baseball coach position opened up at SJSU. Piraro is in his 12th season as coach of the Spartans, and his teams have an overall record of 382-292.

"Athletics teaches you how to deal with the realities of life. They provide a lot of the same experiences, ones that aren't always positives and ones that are sometimes negative."

— Sam Piraro
Head baseball coach

Piraro said there is a lot more to athletics than just playing a game.

"Athletics teaches you how to deal with the realities of life," Piraro said. "They provide a lot of the same experiences, ones that aren't always positive and ones that are sometimes negative."

Piraro said games are sometimes rough and he may be demanding on his players at times, but as he knows they will appreciate it later on down the road.

"I am convinced that players do not appreciate their coach until they are no longer their coach," Piraro said.

But many of his players said they will take a lot of the advice they have gotten from Piraro with them after they graduate.

"He has not only taught me about baseball, but about time management and staying focused," said Tony James, team co-captain and second baseman.

Jon Lauderdale, team co-captain and outfielder said one of Piraro's best qualities is his loyalty to his players.

"He (Piraro) has been known to employ many of his past players," Lauderdale said. "I heard his mechanic, and his lawyer are both guys who used to be on his team."

The players seem to respect and appreciate Piraro even though he has been known to be harsh on them.

"He can be a little demanding at times, but I think it's good because it teaches us discipline," shortstop Brian Forman said.

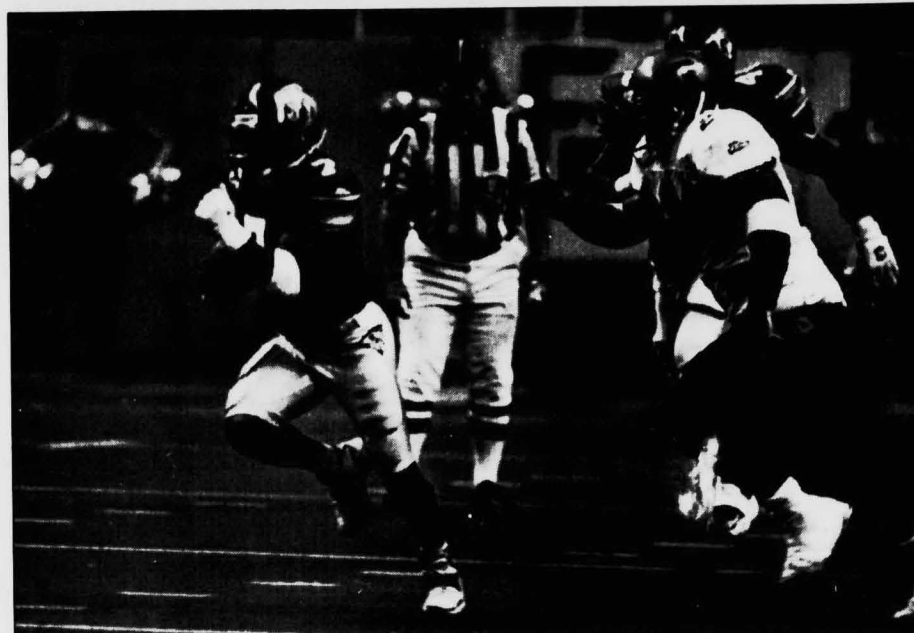
Forman, who has played for Piraro for four years, said he appreciates the way Piraro has forced him to put academics first.

"Baseball is important, but it's not the most important aspect of life," Forman said.

Piraro lives with his wife, Jo Ann, his son Jason, and his daughter Jenna. He relies on his family to help in through the rough times.

"Family is the constant in your life," Piraro said. "Whether you won or lost, they are always there for you no matter what."

Snake, rattle and run



Daniel Frohlich/Spartan Daily

SaberCats Shalon Baker runs past the Arizona Rattlers defense for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. San Jose's loss of 62-43 is the sixth time in seven games they have lost to Arizona.

SaberCats snake-bitten by Rattlers

With wins in six of their past seven meetings, the Rattlers have the SaberCats by the leash.

Shedrick Bonner led the Arizona Rattlers to an impressive 62-43 win over the San Jose SaberCats.

The 0-2 SaberCats had no answer for Bonner, as he drilled five touchdown passes en route to the defending Arena Football League champion's second victory of the season.

Scoring on seven of their first eight possessions, Arizona looked like they were 12 games ahead instead of two, in the Western Division standings.

After two interceptions in the opening quarter by San Jose quarterback Cree Morris, rookie Jared Brown filled in to complete 14 of 22 passes, while firing in five touchdowns.

Any hopes in finding bright spots in a 19-point loss were quickly dimmed as defensive standout Herschel Currie tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

With the absences of offensive star Titus Dixon and 1997 sacks leader Al Noga, the SaberCats were helpless to an offensive Rattler onslaught that witnessed a 52-yard kickoff return by Hunkie Cooper, and of course, Bonner.

Whether it was a juke-filled bootleg or a 20-yard pass to Calvin Schexnayder, it was Bonner's day.

With Bonner at the helm, Arizona scored on seven of their first eight possession, while San Jose was busy trying to get out of the gate.

Bonner was able to regain a small amount of ground after throwing a 31-yard pass to Steve Papin, but it wasn't enough as the Bonner-led Rattlers pushed the score to 28-17 at the end of the first half.

Jon Perez compiled this report.

Water polo still afloat after second season

By Susan Shaw
Staff Writer

Finishing the season 11th in a division of 13 teams could be discouraging for a sports team. But Lou Tully is pleased with the way his San Jose State University's women's water polo team handled themselves.

"We were a brand new team at the collegiate level this year, playing some very strong teams in the toughest division," Tully said. "My goal is for us to be number one in the country, but 14th (in the country) is pretty good for a start."

"I was really pleased with the attitude, and the hustle, and defensively, we did very well," he said. "Skillwise, we still have some work to do. I'd like to see our ball handling improve, and more aggressiveness in shooting the ball," he said.

This is the second year for the women's water polo team at SJSU, and the team's first in the Western Regional Conference. The team played at the club level last year to give them experience before getting in the pool with more mature teams from Stanford, Cal, Berkeley and top-ranked UCLA, Tully said.

The team played its last match of the season on April 25 when it lost a qualifying spot in the finals against UC Santa Barbara, 9-3.

Tully is building a winning team, and in order to build, you need to be methodical in your approach. More importantly, you need the right material. Last year, the team began a recruiting process that involved sending out letters to 300 high schools with water polo teams in Texas and California. Tully said his first criteria for contacting a school is that it has a good swimming program.

According to Team Captain Mary McDonough, compared with other programs that give out "free-ride" scholarships that pay for full tuition, Tully decided to split the team's eight scholarships so everyone gets some assistance. In addition to adding new players to the roster, Tully has another thing working in his

favor next year; with the exception of Cathy Hernandez, all the players will return next season, including leading scorer Liz Garcia.

More time as a team means more wins, he hopes. Tully said one of the challenges the team had at the beginning of last season was the different experience levels of the team members.

"We had players from different programs at different junior colleges and high schools — with different levels of experience. It created some challenges for us in the beginning to come together."

McDonough also cited the experience disparities as a challenge.

"We had players with as little as a few years experience like me, and we had people with 10 years' experience," she said.

Among the more seasoned water polo players on the team is one of the youngest.

Paula Heisel, 18, first took to water polo at age 7. Heisel's sister Natasha played last year and hopes to rejoin the team, she

said. Heisel said the most important qualification for a water polo player is commitment.

"You have to practice hard, you have to really like it and you can't give up," Heisel and the team practice six days a week for three hours, in addition to lifting weights.

"It's a major commitment," she said.

Water polo is also a very physical game.

"It's been compared with the NBA finals and wrestling under water," Heisel said. If you object to being dunked and kicked, this probably isn't the sport for you.

"I have friends... I beat them up, and they beat me up in the games. But then afterwards, we're like 'good job, good game' and then we just get over it and get back to our normal selves."

Back in the '80s, men's water polo was dropped at SJSU, a casualty of gender equity requirements, according to Tully. Some alumni are trying to get men's water polo back at SJSU, he said.

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Last week I dug deep in my fitness files to find the perfect topic for my last column. There were so many, that I decided to take excerpts of a few, and compile:

Flynn's Fitness and Food Facts

• According to Stanford University School of Medicine psychiatrist William F. Fry, M.D., laughing 100 times is physiologically equivalent to exercising on a rowing machine for 10 minutes.

• When researchers studied 13 intermediate tennis players between the ages of 45 and 72, they found their fitness levels were equivalent to individuals who have run 2.5 hours per week for at least ten years. (The Physician and Sportsmedicine, 1996)

• About 13 percent of Americans believe they have to eliminate all the fat from their diets, down from 17 percent in 1991. (American Dietetic Association — Nutrition Trends Survey, 1997)

• A 130-pound woman, walking four miles an hour, burns approximately 57 calories in 10 minutes.

If she runs a 9-minute-mile pace for the same 10 minutes, she'll burn about 114 calories. (See last week's fitness walking column).

• Choose romaine lettuce over iceberg lettuce. Romaine has up to six times the vitamin C and five to ten times (depending on how long it has been stored) the beta-carotene of iceberg.

• Yoga, the mind, body and spirit workout that's currently "all the rage," originated in India more than 5,000 years ago.

• Dr. Robert Klesges, professor of psychology and preventive medicine at the University of Memphis, Tenn., followed 7,000 seventh-grade smokers and 5,000 non-smoking young adults for seven years.

At the end of the study, Klesges and his colleagues concluded there was little or no difference between how likely each group was to gain weight.

In fact, the more cigarettes the individual smoked the more weight he or she was likely to gain. (Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Calif., 1995)



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• According to a 1997 survey from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, United Airlines topped the charts for offering healthy airline food.

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• Oregon State researchers (1997) have found that aerobic exercise may alleviate the tingling and pain of carpal tunnel syndrome.

Regular exercise that reduces body fat may in turn lessen the impingement of nerves, which is the source of the syndrome's symptoms.

• Weight training burns approximately 6.6 calories a minute in a 120 lb. person, 7.6 calories/minute in a 140 lb. person, and 9.8 calories in an 180 lb. person.

Stay healthy and have an active summer!

*Note—always check with your doctor before starting an exercise program, especially if you have pre-existing medical conditions.

Peggy Flynn is a member of Aerobics and Fitness Association of America and has been an aerobics instructor for over seven years. If you have any questions or comments please contact her at the Spartan Daily at 924-3280, Dwight Bentel Hall 209 or by e-mail at SDAILY@jmc.sjsu.edu

Candidate: Police behavior a concern at forum

Continued from page 1

Most of the inquiries focused on minority issues and ranged from questions about police behavior to minority ownership in small-business. Most of the candidates' answers were different only in their delivery. All admitted there was a problem and vowed to fix it if elected. The one exception was Napoli's call to downsize the Cinco de Mayo event because "it shouldn't take an hour to get from Story to King roads."

The last question, regarding improving schools, was only able to be answered by two of the candidates because Gonzales had to leave because of "other commitments."

Candidates for Sheriff were next up and included Tom Sing, Jose Salcedo and Laurie Smith. The three in attendance all said they had experience in the sheriff's office and thought changes were needed. The need for more communication inside the office was a universal goal of all three, as was the need to improve minority relationships.

Salcedo thought more bilingual officers were needed to improve communication between officers and residents.

"We want to get rid of the perception that minorities are mistreated by sheriffs," he said.

Smith acknowledged minorities are over-represented in prisons and suggested better training of deputies might help the problem.

She also felt better communication with residents would improve the situation.

"We want to bring the community in," she said.

Sing also said minorities are treated differently by some deputies and called for more community involvement. He said improved deputy sensitivity would be a start.

"We need to raise awareness (among deputies)," he added.

In the first of two passionate speeches, Incumbent George



Daniel Frohlich/Spartan Daily

Mayoral candidate Ron Gonzales answers a question at the Santa Clara County African American Democratic Club political candidates forum. The event, held in the Engineering Building Auditorium, gave a crowd of approximately 150 the opportunity to ask local political candidates questions about key issues.

Kennedy started off by stating he is the only qualified candidate running, citing his experience in a management position and his past record. He also pointed to his position as president of the California District Attorney's Association and his past record as head of California's largest district attorney's office as reasons for re-election.

Mel Anderson, currently a deputy district attorney, was very big on enforcing the "three-strikes law." He was critical of Kennedy's treatment of the law, claiming he often does not use it.

Under the law, a twice convicted violent criminal receives a mandatory 25 years to life sentence if a third conviction is handed down.

"The 'three-strikes law' has

not been properly implemented and that has lowered morale," Anderson said.

Kennedy defended his use of the law by stating that every case needed to be treated differently.

"When you have a law like that, you need someone with good judgment," Kennedy said. "You can't be handing down life-sentences for stealing a piece of pizza."

Those in attendance seemed to find the event informative and helpful.

"I thought it was very worthwhile," Terrell Schumaker said. "I now have some questions about

candidates I had previously supported."

Wilfred Jones thought the event provided relevant information to minority voters.

"I was able to find out some things that you normally don't hear," he said.

Organizers of the event said they were pleased with the turnout of both candidates and voters.

"In most of the cases, candidates gave hard answers to hard questions," said Sam Brown, who helped organize the event. "We definitely accomplished what we set out to do."

"We want to get rid of the perception that minorities are mistreated by sheriffs."

— Jose Salcedo
candidate for sheriff

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Matt Gallagher, left, and Dave Lorber, SJSU students, hang out at the Agenda.

Swing Thing



Joe Knoll and his partner swing the night away at the Agenda. The Agenda has swing music and dance lessons on Wednesday nights.



New generation takes a big step back in time as ballroom becomes hip

Revisiting the days when dance-floor foreplay was less about bumping and grinding and more about subtlety and innuendo, swing dancing is growing in popularity. Hand holding is a must, as is the demand for close body placement.

Such necessities invite a more intimate dance experience, which may be one of the reasons for touch-dancing's resurgence in popularity.

The Big Band sounds of the '40s and the Rockabilly sound of the '50s are the driving force behind the resurgence of swing dancing. Rockabilly is a combination of country twang and rock 'n' roll from the 1950s, made popular by artists such as Elvis Presley.

San Jose State University biology graduate student Armen Shamamian saw another couple at the Fairmont Hotel which prompted him and his partner to learn more about swing dancing.

"We knew about it beforehand," Shamamian said. "We just hadn't seen it."

Shamamian and his partner, Magdalena Mikova, were at the Agenda nightclub for the weekly swing dance lessons.

"The lessons are good for beginners, as an introduction to swing," Shamamian said.

"We love it," Mikova added. "It's something we can do together."

The brick-and-plaster walls of the Agenda may be a far cry from glittering ballrooms of the past, but the spirit is the same.

Though most of the dancers were clad in jeans and casual shirts, there were those who dressed the part. Ladies wore elegant dresses and platform shoes reminiscent of the '40s. Men sported slicked-back hair and the

James Dean "Rebel" look.

"Here the kids come down in vintage clothes and really enjoy the music," said Mondo Millan, music and events administrator for the Agenda. "We get students, but it's the following of that style (of music) that we get on a regular basis."

According to Millan, the club was one of the first to feature a whole night of swing music. Millan said they average 100 to 200 people on Wednesdays.

Laura DiTrapani, a senior majoring in radio, television & film, went to the Agenda with a group of people after hearing about it from a friend.

"We've been wanting to learn more," DiTrapani said. "We know a little bit, but have had no official lessons."

DiTrapani and her friends didn't bring partners, but there were plenty of extra people available for them to partner with.

Led by instructor Marcus Kellum, a psychology major in his junior year at SJSU, beginning and intermediate dancers alike filled the small dance floor for weekly lessons.

"We seem to get more beginners," Kellum said. "After the movie 'Swingers' came out, it really got more popular."

Kellum has been dancing swing for about four years and began teaching at the Agenda about eight months ago.

Once the lessons were over, the dance floor filled with bouncing bodies. Twisting, turning torsos avoided near crashes with each other as dance floor courtesy took on a whole new meaning.

"It was good," said DiTrapani of her trip down nostalgia lane. "It was a lot of fun."

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Robb Mellberg, bass player of Chicken Coup DeVille, plays stand-up bass in unusual positions.



Crowds gather outside the Agenda in '50s style clothing for Swing Night on South First Street in downtown San Jose.

Graduates: 'We're here to improve'

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"we're shooting at a goal ... that we hope to get a better graduation rate for the entire university. (The student-athlete) rate is higher than the university, and it should be higher in my opinion. We'd like to see a rate obviously up in the 70s if not higher."

The 1998 graduation rate for the entire university will not be available until this summer, according to institutional research.

In the NCAA reports, student-athlete graduation rates are compared to the entire university's rates, which are determined by the ability of all freshman to graduation in less than six years.

The total NCAA student-athlete graduation rate is 58 percent compared to 56 percent of the general student body.

In the 1995 report (1988-1989 freshman class) 38 percent of student-athletes graduated in less than six years compared to 39 percent of the entire university. Since then, the SJSU student-athlete rates have been higher than the entire Universities rates.

Whitcomb pointed out that the overall SJSU graduation rates are low because a lot of students are older, have children and work full-time; therefore, graduating in less than six years is harder to do.

Due to this, he said SJSU students have different responsibilities compared to other schools such as Stanford University, which has overall and student-athlete graduation rates in the 90s.

SJSU's most dramatic sign of improvement is with the exhausting eligibility rates.

These rates are compiled when student-athletes graduate after using up their four years of eligibility.

SJSU's exhausting eligibility rates have increased from 32 percent in 1992 to 62 percent in 1997.

The exhausted eligibility rates show the graduation rates without the six-year time limit.

"The bottom line is getting a degree," head football coach Dave Baldwin said. "Who said it has to be a four- or five-year degree? Maybe in a perfect world, but it's not a perfect world."

Whitcomb credits the more demanding NCAA eligibility

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They happen to be student athletes, but they're students first. Their role here is to graduate, and our role is to graduate them.

— Charles Whitcomb
SJSU's faculty athletic representative

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standards such as the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and 25-50-75 rule for helping the student-athlete graduation rates.

He said the Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse rules bring in the freshmen who want to get a degree rather than just use up their athletic eligibility and quit school.

The Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse rules are as follows:

- High school graduates are to complete 13 core curriculum classes such as four years of English, and one year of geometry and algebra to name a few.

- They also require a core curriculum grade point average and SAT or ACT score that qualify on the index scale.

For example, if you have a 2.5 core curriculum GPA, you need at least an SAT score of 820 — increased from 700 — or ACT score of 68. The lower the GPA, the higher the SAT or ACT need to be, and vice versa, to qualify.

The NCAA also has a 25-50-75 percent rule.

This requires student-athletes to finish 25 percent of their degree each year, or they will be unable to play sports, Whitcomb said.

"They happen to be student athletes, but they're students first," Whitcomb said. "Their role here is to graduate, and our role is to graduate them."

Baldwin isn't proud of the graduation rates, but he expects to see the student-athlete graduation rates climb due to the new NCAA rules.

"To say 44 percent is good, is wrong," Baldwin said. "We want to see it in the 70s."

Baldwin applauds the new NCAA rules. He believes they will also make his football team better.

"If you win in the classroom,

you're going to win on the field," Baldwin said.

Head women's basketball coach Karen Smith sees room for improvement with the NCAA graduation rate reports.

"They're not as accurate as they could be," Smith said. "It would be extremely difficult to track each person."

The NCAA reports don't include student-athletes who don't receive athletic aid such as walk-ons according to the NCAA Division I Graduation Rates Report.

Junior college or four-year university transfers, who receive athletic aid, are assigned to an entering class, depending on how many units they have completed, according to Maria DeJulio of NCAA research.

Smith said many variables might skew the results.

For instance, Smith said student-athletes who come to SJSU as freshman, but transfer out and graduate from another school in less than six years will count against SJSU's graduation rates.

The same goes for student-athletes who drop out of school after a year or two and never return.

Smith also said the results might be misleading, especially for individual teams. For example, if the woman's basketball team recruited two freshmen for scholarships in 1990-1991 and neither of the two graduated in six years, the graduation rate would be zero percent.

However, the sample is only two people.

Baldwin agrees that the NCAA reports could improve, but for now he believes it is a fair system.

"(The public) needs to know," Baldwin said. "We're not here to hide anything. We're here to improve."

My Lai massacre reporter dies

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ron Ridenhour, a soldier turned journalist who exposed the atrocities in the 1968 My Lai massacre and went on to become an award-winning investigative reporter, died Sunday. He was 52.

Ridenhour died of an apparent heart attack while playing handball, said friend Mary Howell.

Although Ridenhour spent decades as an investigative reporter after leaving Vietnam, he was known for his work in exposing events surrounding the My Lai massacre, when an Army company led by Lt. William Calley killed about 500 Vietnamese civilians.

"The world would be a better place if there were more people in it like Ron," Ms. Howell said.

Thirty years ago, Ridenhour was a door gunner on an observation helicopter that flew over the village a few days after the

massacre. He waited for several months until he was out of the service to blow the whistle because he feared for his life.

In a December 1994 interview with The Times-Picayune, Ridenhour said his determination to tell the My Lai story was fueled by rage.

Ridenhour said he had heard about the killings from other soldiers who had been there, and had talked to enough people to become convinced that a massacre had occurred.

After returning home, Ridenhour typed up what he had learned in a three-page, single-spaced letter and sent off 30 copies to Arizona's congressional delegation and other federal officials.

His letter describing the annihilation of My Lai — a place the soldiers called "Pinkville" — was unsparing. He wrote of a soldier who found a 3- or 4-year-old boy trying to stop the bleeding in his

wounded arm. Instead of helping the child, the soldier killed him with a round from his M-16.

Another GI shot himself in the foot so he wouldn't have to participate in the slaughter, Ridenhour wrote. Calley rounded up villagers in groups and mowed them down with his machine gun.

By 1969, an official probe was under way, and war crimes charges were brought against 13 officers and enlisted men. Calley was the only one convicted. He was sentenced to life in prison but was freed after three years.

At the time of his death, Ridenhour was working on several projects. He was a stringer for People magazine, had been working on a piece for the London Review of Books, co-produced a story on militias for NBC-TV's "Dateline," and had several speaking engagements on the 30th anniversary of My Lai in March, Ms. Howell said.



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Blues: Festival 'rocks' down the house

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His daughter, Jaqueline Johnson, was in the audience videotaping her father's performance.

"My father has been playing guitar more than 30 years now, and he's been married to my mother for 34 years," she said.

Levenson said his major guitar influences were Buddy Guy, T Bone Walker and Kenny Burrell. Next up was Eddie King who got the audience worked up by walking off stage into the crowd while he was playing a guitar solo.

San Jose native Tommy Castro followed Kings's set. Castro said his mother was in the audience and wished her a happy Mother's Day from the stage.

He told the crowd she bought him a guitar when his family was in dire financial straights.

The crowd was on its feet dancing during Castro's set.

"I wish you guys could come everywhere we play," Castro said after he was called back by the crowd for an encore.

R.L. Burnside played the last set of the day to a near capacity

crowd. He said his grandson, who was scheduled to play, had been sick and wasn't able to make the trip from Mississippi but he thought drummer Pete Merriweather, who sat in with him, did an admirable job.

"He was good. He stuck in there like a dirty shirt," Burnside said afterwards.

Festival director Gehrke asked the crowd to help clean up after the musicians had finished and within 20 minutes most of the trash had been picked up by volunteers.

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Package: Experimental course

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classes will be integrated so students can see how the skills learned in each class can work together to solve a problem, Gliner said. He said he expects the program to be a big hit with students who frequently complain that the advanced GE courses have little application to real life.

"Students are frustrated with compartmentalized education," Gliner said. "We feel students will be able to learn more if they're able to connect what goes on in the classroom with the real world."

On the other hand, some students felt the integrated course wouldn't work for them because of other commitments.

"I can see the value," senior Jasmin Kuster said. "But it wouldn't have worked for me. I have a full-time job." Kuster added she had already completed her advanced GE courses.

Junior Wardell Crutchfield said, as a football player, he would not be able to commit to a course that met three times a week for several hours.

"We practice everyday in the fall," he said.

Gliner said he has been campaigning for such an integrated approach for years, but that things started falling into place last fall when he applied for — and received — a learning planning grant to set up the program.

The \$20,000 grant is being used to pay for overtime for Betsy Collins, Gene Moriarty and Mike Kutilek to integrate the courses and develop measurement and assessment tools. Kutilek is teaching the Biology 110 part of the course. Moriarty the Engineering 157 part and Collins the Political Science 120 part.

SJSU students were offered some courses in the schedule as recently as one year ago that fulfilled more than one advanced GE requirement, but they were discontinued.

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Sociology Department chair

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According to Terry Barajas, an operations analyst in the SJSU Assessment office, as of fall 1997, these courses were eliminated when the advanced GE requirements were streamlined. However, no courses fulfilled as many requirements as the current integrated GE package offers, she said.

While the integrated GE package is an experiment, Gliner said there is a lot of support for the idea at SJSU and he believes it could become a trend.

"We hope this is just the beginning," he said. "There's the potential to teach around different themes and create other packages."

Gliner said he currently has a list of about 50 instructors who have said they are interested in putting together other courses around other themes.

Collins provided a description of what students can expect from the current course package.

"Students will not be sitting in a classroom all the time," Collins said.

Collins explained the courses will focus on three city parks and will tie in the three courses in biology and biodiversity, U.S. Law and Society and community concepts, which is the engineering 157 replacement.

The biodiversity element of the course will involve students visiting the parks and learning about the plants and animals, and learning about the needs of the community in which the park is located will fulfill the

community concepts requirement. U.S. law will be taught as students learn about zoning laws around parks and urban planning, or how the parks are placed. To fulfill the 100W requirement, writing projects will be woven into the program's coursework.

Moriarty said, due to this, the course is writing-intensive.

Gliner said he believes students won't mind the writing assignments in the course because they will be seen by someone besides an instructor.

"We'll be creating policy papers and will give them to the city as recommendations. Students will hopefully feel the writing has some purpose," he said.

Moriarty said the biology and political science classes will be taught in back-to-back time blocks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. His Engineering 157 course will meet Wednesdays with plans to take the class off campus for field work.

"The stuff we do in class will reflect on what we do in the field and vice versa," Moriarty said.

Sociology Secretary Joan Block said in order to register for the integrated GE package, students must visit the Sociology Department in Dudley Moorehead Hall, room 241, and pick up an application. Students must have the approval of their major department prior to enrolling in the course and the touch-tone system can not be used to register for it, she said.

Book 'em



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Above: Arthur Ramirez screams for water to wash the pepper spray out of his eyes as he is arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and resisting arrest.

Ramirez was arrested after University police responded to a disturbance call Friday afternoon from the Clark Library regarding a verbal dispute between two suspects. Ramirez was apprehended on Seventh Street between San Fernando and Santa Clara streets after being pursued by San Jose and University police.



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